

Read the first and by special order the second time, and will pass.

The house then took up for consideration bills in order entitled to a second reading.

The first in order is the bill entitled, an act prohibiting judges of the orphans courts and registers of wills from being administrators except in the cases therein mentioned;

The question being on the motion of Mr. Blakistone to amend said bill by striking out all after the word "granted," in the 4th line, and on the same being put,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of said bill as amended, and on being put—

Said bill was passed.

The next in order is the bill entitled, an act to confirm the proceedings of the commissioners appointed to divide the real estate of Mary Stewart, late of Baltimore city, deceased;

Read the second time and will pass.

The Speaker laid before the house the following letter from the printers to this house in obedience to the order adopted on yesterday:

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

In obedience to an order of your honorable body, requiring the printers to the House of Delegates to inform that body at what time the communication of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company will be ready for delivery, and why the same has not been transmitted at an earlier day, we beg leave to reply:

To the first,—that copies of said communication will be ready for delivery on Monday next.

To the second,—that it became necessary to hold a correspondence with the president of the company relative to some inaccuracies made by his clerks in copying, which has caused a delay of some days.

Your obed't servt's,

GEO. & WM. JOHNSTON.

*Saturday, 29th Feb. 1840.*

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Le Grand reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Haney, as a substitute for the unfavorable report of the committee on that subject;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

The house resumed the consideration of bills in order entitled to a second reading.

The next in order is the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Jacob Shimberger, of Baltimore county.

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

Said bill was amended by striking out "Jacob Shimberger" in the 4th line of said bill and inserting "persons," also the word "himself" in the same line was stricken out and the word "themselves" was inserted.